

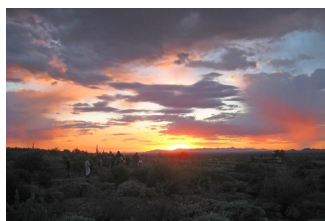


Wednesday, March 2: Geology, History, Legends and Lore Hike

9am. Following the Treasure Loop Trail, volunteer hiking leader Jim will discuss the geology and history, along with legends and lore of the gold in the Superstitions. This 2.5+ mile round trip with an elevation change of approx 520' is a moderate hike. Hikers should wear hiking shoes and carry ample water. Meet at Cholla Day Use.

Friday, March 4: Star Talk

7:30pm. Learn about the night sky, constellations and planets with local astronomer Bill Dellenges. Parking and seating at campground amphitheater.



Wednesday, March 9: Sunset Hike

5:45pm. Following the Treasure Loop trail to Jacobs Cross Cut and intersecting with Siphon Draw Trail will find hikers marveling at the mountain and the sky full of color, especially when there are a few clouds. A photographer's delight! Elevation change is 102 ft. on very well maintained trails. Easy, 2 hour hike. Wear hiking shoes and carry water. Bring a flashlight for return to parking lot. Meet at Saguaro Day

Use area. Led by volunteer hiking leader Barbara.

Saturday, March 12: Amazing Night Under the Skies

7pm. Join Dr. Sky, a radio/TV journalist based in Phoenix, for An Amazing Night Under the Skies. What planets will we see in the dark desert sky? Dress warmly and be prepared to be amazed at the sightings. Palo Verde Day Use parking (weather permitting).



Wednesday, March 16: Getting to Know the Birds Around You

9am. Meeting in the Saguaro Day Use area, there will be a brief discussion about how to tell one bird from another, then we'll be looking for resident birds (from hawks to hummingbirds) and for any late migrants stopping by on their way south. After birding the Saguaro Day use area, we'll look for birds as we walk up toward

Jacob's Crosscut Trail. We'll make the short loop around and back to Saguaro Day Use lot, birding as we go. This is more of an "amble" than a hike as we let the birds come to us. Bring binoculars, water and wear sturdy trail shoes. Led by volunteer Birder Babs.

Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20: Family Camp Out

The Arizona Family Campout Program (FCP) designed for families that have little or no camping experience will be held at LDSP. Registration fee is \$85 up to family of 4 (children 5 yrs and younger or pets cannot attend this program). Tents, sleeping mats, chairs, lanterns, lunch, dinner, breakfast and campfire treats provided. Activities include hikes, archery, mountain bike clinic, geocaching and campfire stories. Limited spaces. Register on line at AZStateParks.com/family Louie Juers, Camp Coordinator.



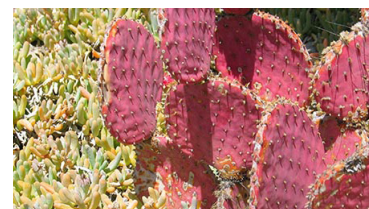


Sunday and Monday, March 20 & 21: Moonlight Hike

7:30pm.-9:30pm. There is a limit of 100 hikers per night, so please call in advance to reserve your space: 480 982-4485. Join us for a guided 2.5 mile hike on Jacob's Crosscut Trail at the base of the mysterious Superstition Mountains. Hikers should dress appropriately and wear trail shoes or boots. Please bring a flashlight in case of cloudy conditions. Some parts of the trail are rocky and uneven with occasional steep grades (elevation gain: 120'). Participants should be in good health with no walking or night vision difficulties. Trail is NOT suitable for strollers or walkers. After the hike gather round the campfire for a marshmallow roast (marshmallows and sticks provided). All ages welcome. **No pets, please.** Parking in Cholla Day Use Area.

Monday, March 21: Native Medicinal Plant Stroll

11am. Join ranger Erica for a 1 mile casual hike where she will introduce you to medicinal plants of the Sonoran Desert. Salve made from creosote bush to nourish the skin, tea from the Mesquite tree to wash wounds and prevent infection, gum from Brittle bush for dental hygiene, just a few of the healing plants found in our desert. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, and proper hiking shoes. Meet at Cholla Day Use.



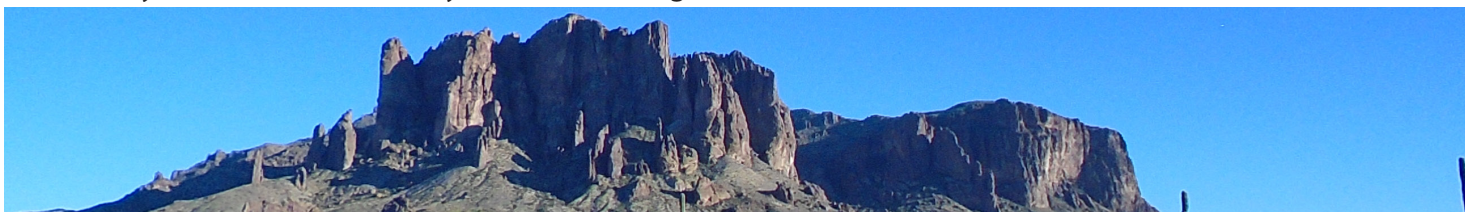
Saturday, March 26: Bird Walk

8am. Join volunteer "birder Vera" for a morning of discovering the birds of the desert. Learn how to identify the birds in your back yard, the proper use of binoculars, where to find birds in our area and then take a guided walk through the desert to practice new skills. Bring binoculars if you have them, appropriate clothing, water and enthusiasm, but no dogs or small children please. Expect

to have some surprises and fun! Meet at the Native Plant Trail parking area on the right before reaching the ranger station for orientation. Participants will then relocate to Cholla Parking Area.

Wednesday March 30: Exploring Siphon Draw Trail

9am. Join us at Siphon Draw Trailhead for a 4.2 round trip hike to the basin (slick rock waterfall area). Along the way we will pass some remnants of an unsuccessful mining attempt, identify strangely named rock formations and look at layers of rock from the volcanic explosion that make up this portion of the Superstition Mountain. All of this while hiking the steady uphill grade on a less than smooth trail. Elevation change - 1030 ft. Wear sturdy trail or hiking shoes, carry at least 2 bottles of water and bring a snack for a 3 hour moderately strenuous hike. Led by volunteer hiking leaders Barb and Jim.



Please Note: Currently, there are only portable restrooms at day use areas, and no drinking fountains. Tap water is available at day use areas. Additionally, there is no electricity or lights at day use ramadas.

Please join us for exciting interpretive ranger and volunteer naturalist guided hikes and family-oriented programs, weather permitting, at Lost Dutchman State Park. Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee of \$7 per vehicle or with your annual pass. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. 6109 N Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 480-982-4485.

Learn how you can volunteer or help the park at: **FriendsOfLostDutchman.org**